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Group Art Unit	2614
Examiner Name	J. Tran
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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- i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on **RECEIVED**
- ii. ☐ Other: **FEB 12 2004**
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment (including Petition for extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136) **Technology Center 2600**
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/Form PTO-1449/Reference(s)
- iv. ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
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- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR §1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
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- ii. ☒ Extension of time fees (37 CFR §§ 1.136 and 1.17) (Fee Code **1251**)
- iii. ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_ (Fee Code \_\_\_\_\_)
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